

II. REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections to claims 2, 10, and 13, and the allowance of those claims.

Claims 36 and 40 were cancelled, without prejudice, in response to the Examiner's rejection of these claims. This claim cancellation is without inference of abandonment of the subject matter recited in such cancelled claims, and without prejudice to applicants' right to file one or more divisional or other continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims and to the filing date of the present application.

Claim 5 is amended to correct an incorrect claim dependency, as noted in an Examiner's objection in the Office Action, to thereby place all of the claims remaining in the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 5.

No new matter was presented and such amendments are deemed unobjectionable as supported in the originally filed specification and drawings.

Thus, as stated on the Office Action Summary page, claims 2 through 11, 13 through 16, and 37 through 39 are allowed in the present application. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 through 11, 13 through 16, and 37 through 39 are in proper form, define patentably over the cited references, and are all allowed as previously indicated by the Examiner.

July 21, 2005

Reply to Office Action of February 9, 2005

Every attempt has been made to place all claims in condition for allowance and it is respectfully asserted that there are no further issues, formal or substantive, that remain for prosecution. A formal Notice of Allowance of the application is, therefore, respectfully solicited. If the Examiner is not persuaded that all issues are resolved, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to enable an attempt to be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the fee payment to cover the Petition for Extension of Time of three (3) months. Please grant any additional required extensions of time and charge any additional fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 50-0852.

Respectfully submitted,

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